

Youth Resource Connections

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Youth Headlines

President Bush visits Portland YO! Center: On Saturday, January 5th, President Bush visited Portland's YO program and met with 20 youth in a GED class. Despite a tight schedule, President Bush spent 20 minutes to listen to YO Youth pour out their hearts, share their hopes, dreams and sacrifices they have made to overcome adversity. Portland YO Center has attracted local and national attention as the President's visitation to the center has been aired via CNN, WCNW, Headline News, and local Portland newspaper and television outlets. A photo of President Bush and Jesse (one of Portland's YO! Youth) can be viewed on-line at www.doleta.gov/youth_services.

New Peer-to-Peer Training Added. Denver YO! will host the "Arts to Career" peer-to-peer training on April 10 – 12, 2002. Denver has developed a fully integrated arts and culture component that is directly linked to careers in the arts. Participants will have the opportunity to visit with and view many of the projects that YO! youth have created. In addition, participants will hear about successful arts and culture programs from the Tucson and Philadelphia YO! sites. Hotel, registration forms and a more detailed overview will be forthcoming shortly. For more information please contact Gloria Salas-Kos (gsalas@doleta.gov) at 202/693-3596 or Anne Stom at 202/693-3377 (astom@doleta.gov). **Also, don't forget to register for the Peer-to-Peer Occupational Skill Training workshop, which will be held in San Antonio, TX on February 25- 27, 2002. Contact Susan Rosenblum (srosenblum@doleta.gov) for more information.**

Groundhog Job Shadow Day February 1. February 1 marks the fifth National Groundhog Job Shadow Day; an academically motivating career exploration activity dedicated to giving kids an up-close look at the world of work. This is the kick-off day for the yearlong shadowing initiative that has students "shadow" an adult during their daily work activities to show them the correlation between what they learn in school and how it is used in the workplace. This year's goal is that more than one million young people and 100,000 businesses will participate. Monster.com will again sponsor "Virtual Job Shadowing" where students anywhere in the country with access to the internet can "shadow" working professionals on-line. The National Job Shadow Coalition's website, www.jobshadow.org, contains on-line technical assistance training, lists of state and local resources and coordinators, and downloadable materials. The Office of Youth

Services strongly encourages Youth Opportunity Grant sites and WIA Youth formula programs to participate in this national event.

Involving Youth in Community Needs Assessment. Youth programs have an opportunity to integrate community service learning with community development by involving young people in designing and conducting needs assessment surveys. To learn more about how to develop and implement these activities, see the article, "Everybody Wins: Involving Youth in Community Needs Assessment." on-line at <http://www.joe.org/joe/1995/april/a1.html>.

Harvard Report Shows Schools More Separate after Decade of Resegregation. A study from The Civil Rights Project of Harvard University reports that America's schools became increasingly separate and unequal in the 1990s, contributing to a growing gap in quality between schools attended by white students and those serving a large minority population. View the report here <http://www.gse.harvard.edu/nv/features/orfield07172001.html>.

Chicago Youth Forum Highlights Priorities for Youth Development. At the recent Region V Youth Development Conference in Chicago, IL, December 5, 2001, youth leaders were invited to participate and provide recommendations to the attendees on aspects of youth program administration important to them. Carl Grimes, Grimes and Associates, facilitated a forum with the youth on this topic. During the forum, youth leaders broke into small groups to address a particular scenario and develop recommendations. Highlights of the group's discussions and recommendations can be found here http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/pdf/youth_forum.pdf.

WIA Youth Updates

TEGL Approval. Assistant Secretary Emily Stover DeRocco approved TEGL 9-01: Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) and Welfare-to-Work Tax Credit Program (WtWTC) Procedural Guidance During Authorization Lapse. The TEGL provides procedural guidance to States for processing requests for certification under the Work Opportunity and Welfare-to-Work Tax Credit program after the December 31, 2001 expiration. This guidance covers the period January 1 through September 30, 2002, or until further notice. Download this advisory notice on http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.asp?DOCN=1349.

HCA and ETA pledge \$5 million to train people for occupations in healthcare. Office of Internet Services (OTIS) staff participated in the meeting between ETA, the Healthcare Corporation of America (HCA) and several state and local WIB representatives to discuss the implementation of a scholarship program to train individuals for healthcare occupations, which currently have a labor shortage. Information about this endeavor is forthcoming.

Region I - New York News. Regional Administrator and staff participated in New Jersey's State WIB's annual One-Stop Conference. Over 300 local One-Stop and WIB directors, educational institutions, and other representatives of the New Jersey

workforce development system attended the conference. In addition to making welcoming remarks at the plenary session, the RA also moderated a panel which focused on the State WIB's White Paper on workforce and economic issues as they relate to the State; the Youth Director made two presentations on DOL's Youth Tool Kit and discussed local best practices; an OWS staff person was a panelist on a panel that discussed New Jersey's implementation of the Non-Custodial Parents/Bench Card Pilot; and another staff member was on a panel that discussed the NJ Information Technology H-IB Training Program.

Region II - Philadelphia News. OYS staff participate in the Eastern Region "Youth Preparing for Tomorrow Conference" in Washington, DC on December 11, 2001. Social Security Administration's Office of Employment Support Programs convened over 150 representatives from a broad range of government, nonprofit, and educational organizations for this working session on serving youth receiving SSI and SSDI. After each presentation, attendees caucused at their tables to come up with recommendations, which were summarized and projected back to the entire group for finalization.

Publications/Reports/Resources

National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center Offers Online Tools. The National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center (NYVPRC) offers a central source of information on prevention and intervention programs, publications, research, and statistics on violence committed by and against children and teens. The Resource Center is the product of collaboration between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other Federal agencies. The NYVPRC Web site, <http://www.safeyouth.org>, or call the center at. 1-866-SAFEYOUTH (723-3968).

GAO Report – "Small Business: Workforce Development Consortia Provide Needed Services." The report discusses how small businesses can use consortia to leverage larger and broader influence and expertise to better address their individual employment and training needs as well as create future career pathways for youth. To download the report, go to www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces160.shtml and search for report number GAO-02-80.

"Linking Service Learning and School to Work: Policy, Partnerships and Practice to Help All Students Succeed." This publication depicts the thinking of advocates and policymakers at the state and local levels on the complementary nature of service learning and school-to-work. Developed by the National Association of Partners in Education, it describes how school districts are implementing partnerships to support practices in which the strategies work together to enhance student success. Download this publication on www.partnersineducation.org/kellogg.htm. For free print copies, contact: National Association of Partners in Education, 901 N. Pitt Street, Suite 320, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Service Learning Policy Toolkit provides information and strategies for practitioners, teachers, student leaders, administrators, and community activists. It was created by

partner organizations of Learning In Deed, an initiative of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. To download this publication, go to: www.learningindeed.org/policy.

Program Spotlights

Boston YO Strategy Promotes Collaboration to Help Young Offenders. The Boston Youth Opportunity (YO) Program has developed a five-phase strategy to increase collaboration between the YO and law enforcement agencies. The Boston YO program designates a YO Law Enforcement Coordinator to coordinate and oversee these efforts. Information about Boston's approach appears on the OYS web site at: http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/pdf/lawEnforcement.pdf. Other youth programs may want to "customize" this approach to address local factors and conditions. However, the Boston model offers a framework for thinking about how to engage community law enforcement partners in order to better serve young offenders and at-risk youth. For more information about Boston's strategy, please contact: Amy Chris at (617) 541-2609 or email amy.chris.jcs@ci.boston.ma.us.

Funding Opportunities

Hispanic Heritage Awards Foundation Opens Search for Top High School Seniors. The Hispanic Heritage Awards Foundation invites Hispanic high school seniors in twelve U.S. cities to apply for its annual awards program recognizing the achievements of Hispanic youth. Applications can be downloaded from the Hispanic Heritage Awards Foundation Web site. Contact: <http://www.hispanicawards.org/>
Deadline: February 14, 2002

Citigroup Corporate & Investment Bank Offers \$10,000 Plus Paid Summer Internships. Citigroup's Global Diversity Scholarship Program provides a paid 10-12 week internship opportunity during the summer before the senior year of college and a one-time award up to \$10,000, for tuition, which will be granted upon successful completion of the summer internship. While this scholarship program was originally created to enhance opportunities for female and/or minority college students, Citigroup now wants to begin using this Scholarship Program to target students with disabilities. To find out more about Citigroup's Scholarship Program and obtain an application, contact Dennis Miranda at dennis.miranda@ssmb.com. **Applications are due February 25, 2002.** College juniors with disabilities should take advantage of this great opportunity! Spread the word.

Handspring Foundation Offers Funding for Programs Serving At-Risk Children and Youth. The Handspring Foundation offers cash grants to qualifying organizations that are directed towards the following: programs targeting high-risk youth that specifically utilize the arts, technology, and sports; direct services related to children's health (e.g. immunization campaigns, food programs); direct services for children who are victims of abuse or neglect, including services to children in foster care; homeless assistance programs for families with children (food, clothing, education, job training). Funds may be specifically requested for board or staff retreats, hiring staff or consultants, staff training, or strategic planning. Obtain a complete application on

<http://www.handspring.com/company/foundation>. **Deadline: February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1, 2002**

Nominations Invited for Kellogg's Hannah Neil World of Children Award. The Kellogg's Hannah Neil World of Children Award is a major international humanitarian award designed to recognize individuals for their efforts to improve the lives of children. The award includes a \$100,000 cash grant. Nomination guidelines and forms are available at the program's Web site. <http://www.worldofchildren.org/>. **Deadline: May 1, 2002**

Nominations Invited for 2002 Youth in Action Awards, sponsored by the Foundation of America. The program is dedicated to recognizing the many contributions young people are making in their communities and to America every day. The project awards \$1,000 grants to ongoing or completed youth-initiated projects that have generated demonstrable results. See the program's Web site for complete guidelines and to submit an online nomination <http://www.youthlink.org/us/awards.php>. **Deadline: March 31, 2002**

Websites

Justice For All. Explore this website to learn about this free service of the American Association of People with Disabilities, www.aapd-dc.org www.ifanow.org

SafetyNet. SAFETY-NET is a service of the Justice Distance Learning Consortium. Our mission is to provide teachers and students with access to a range of multimedia resources, plus online connections that can be used to literally redefine the educational process in correctional and alternative educational settings. www.safety-net.org

Important Dates to Remember

January 11. Entry Deadline for YO Boston 2nd Annual Basketball Classic to be held in Boston, April 4-6. For information and registration forms, call Jimmy Gifford, (617) 635-0770 or Bryan Edwards, (617) 541-2623.

January 13-16. 4th Annual Journey to Performance Excellence 2002 will be held in Orlando, FL. For more details visit: www.doleta.gov/whatsnew/journey2002.asp

January 28 – 30. Youth Opportunity Grants Peer-to-Peer Training - The Nuts and Bolts of the College Preparation and Admissions Process in Baltimore, MD. For more details please contact Anne Stom at (202) 693-3377 or astom@doleta.gov.

February 1. 5th Annual Ground Hog Job Shadow Day (see article above)

www.jobshadow.org

February 19 – 21. Rewarding Youth Achievement Peer-to-Peer Training. San Diego, CA. For more information contact Donna Kelly at 202/693-3934 or dkelly@doleta.gov.

February 24- 26. Occupational Skills Training. San Antonio, TX. For more information please contact Susan Rosenblum at 202-693-3597 or srosenblum@doleta.gov.

March 1. Deadline for entries to the Youth Opportunity Grants film contest. For details, please contact Anne Stom at (202) 693-3377 or astom@doleta.gov

March 20-23. National Service Learning Conference at the Seattle Convention Center. Applications are available on the NYLC web site at: www.nylc.org/conference2002/

April 10 – 12. *Arts to Career Peer-to-Peer Training.* Denver, CO. (See article above)
For more information please contact Gloria Salas-Kos at 202/693-3596 or

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April 18. Deadline for Seventh Annual PEPNet Award Recognition. Applications are available on the National Youth Employment Coalition web site:

<http://www.nyec.org/pepnet/>

April 28 – 30. Mark your calendar now for the RURAL WORKFORCE 2002 CONFERENCE to be held April 28-30 at the Reno Hilton - Reno, NV. For more information visit <http://www.tocowa.org/>.

May 1-3. Year 3 Youth Opportunity Grant Partners Meeting – Tampa, FL.

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We welcome your input. Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you would like to contribute information, post an inquiry, or suggest topics to cover, please contact Ann Stom (Astom@doleta.gov; 202-693-3377); DeEtta Roberson-Carter (Droberson-Carter@doleta.gov; 202- 693-3610) or Susan Rosenblum (srosenblum@doleta.gov; 202-693-3597).

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